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TEHRAN PASS TABRIZ

E.O. 11652: MHS

TAGS: PINS, IR, IZ

SUBJECT: KURDISH CONFLICT

REF: BAGHDAD 631; 651

1. REPORT THAT KURDS USING OR BEING SUPPORTED BY HEAVY IRAN ARTILLERY (BAGHDAD 631) NOW BECOMING WIDESPREAD. PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TOLD ME SEPT 29 THAT MINISTER OF INTERIOR SADOON GHAIIDAN HAD INFORMED SOMALI AMBASSADOR THAT KURDS NOW HAD 150MM (SIC) ARTILLERY.

2. INDIAN EMBOFF TOLD ME THAT PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF FORMIN TAQA'S TRIP TO MOSCOW WAS TO DISCUSS KURDISH WAR, PARTICULARLY INCREASING IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR BARZANI FORCESM GOI PRESUMABLY WOULD LIKE SOVIETS TO INFLUENCE IRAN TO CEASE SUPPORT. TAQA MAY ALSO HAVE PREPARED GROUND
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FOR EXPECTED TRIP BY RCC VICE CHAIRMAN SADDAM HUSSEIN TO

MOSCOW END OF OCTOBER. (SEPTTEL)

3. RUSSIAN COLLEAGUES ARE VERY CLOSE MOUTHED ABOUT TAQA TRIP. SOVIET CHARGE POPOV DID TELL ME SEPT 29 THAT HE IS INCREASINGLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM BECAUSE OF FORMATION OF KURDISH LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS WHICH, IN HIS WORDS, GIVE GOI KURDISH INSTITUTION WITH WHICH TO ADMINISTER TERRITORY FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY. THIS IS EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC ASSESSMENT GIVEN PATENTLY UNREPRESENTATIVE NATURE OF KURDISH MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM APPOINTED BY GOI. ICP REPORTEDLY PRESSING HARD FOR REPRESENTATION ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND PRESIDENCY OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. GOI HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT RECEPTIVE AND INDIAN INTELLIGENCE

OFFICER TOLD ME 8 OF 12 MEMBERS APOINTED SEPT 24 (BAGHDAD 651) WERE COMMUNISTS.

4. GOI HAS INVITED 105 FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO ATTEND OPENING OF KURDISH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, PROBABLY ON OCTOBER 5 AT ARBIL, WHICH SUGGESTS REGIME BEGINNING TO BELIEVE ITS OWN PROPAGANDA. LOWRIE

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